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EVALUATION OF PHOTOGRAPHY

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INTRODUCTION

The following PI analysis and evaluation is based on

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The photography was forwarded to NPIC in the form of one oblique and 17 vertical enlarged prints and one 4-print oblique mosaic covering 19 areas of activity which constitute an extremely limited portion of the Sino-Indian border.

TALENT Mission was used for comparative purposes.

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Targets previously reported as NPIC targets are noted in the report.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION

PRINT 1. DROWA GOMPA (2850N 09722E)

The poor quality of the photograph limits a detailed analysis. The area annotated on the photography as barracks and basketball ground is partially secured and contains approximately 20 unidentified buildings. The basketball court cannot be positively identified as such.

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PRINT 2. CAMP 3.5 MILES NORTH OF DROWA GOMPA (2853N 09722E)

The area annotated as comprising huts, stores, and shelter, contains 6 small huts and 4 small sheds. No military activity is observed in the area.

PRINT 3. CAMP 1.5 MILES SOUTH OF POLOK (2855N 09725E)

The area annotated contains 12 barracks-type buildings. The annotated vehicle cannot be identified on the photography due to haze and poor image quality.

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PRINT 4. BRIDGE 8 MILES NW OF POLOK (2902N 09716E)

A deck-type, approximately 75 x 15 ft, probable wooden bridge spans the Lhochu Chu (River). No military activity is observed.

PRINT 5. CHIKONG CAMP (2840N 09727E)

The camp comprises 2 separate areas approximately one nm apart on the east bank of the Lhochu Chu (River), and a third area immediately across the river.

On the east bank of the river, the northern area contains 4 barracks-type buildings, 2 storage buildings, and 4 small support buildings. The southern area contains 10 barracks-type buildings, one barracks-type building under construction, 7 storage buildings, approximately 20 small support buildings, piles of unidentified material, and 4 cargo trucks.

The third area, on the west bank of the river, contains 7 barracks-type buildings, one administration-type building, and 15 small support buildings.

PRINT 6. CAMP .5 MILES NORTH OF CHIKONG (2840N 09727E)

The area annotated as barracks on the ☐ photography contains 3 probable barracks-type buildings and 2 small support buildings. Logging activity in adjacent areas and stacks of logs within the camp indicate that it is probably a forestry and/or road maintenance labor camp.

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PRINT 7. CAMP 3 MILES SOUTH OF CHIKONG (APPROXIMATELY 2837N 09727E)

The poor quality of the submitted photograph, due to haze and/or reproduction techniques, precludes positive identification of the ☐ items annotated tents and barracks in the southern area. The northern area contains 16 dispersed buildings. No military activity can be identified in the area.

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PRINT 8. DABLA BRIDGE (2835N 09720E)

A deck-type, possible cable suspension, wooden bridge on the Rima (Li-Ma)--Drowa Gompa road spans the Lhochu Chu (River). No military activity is observed in the area. The large scale of the photography and lack of map detail preclude the definite location of this target.

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PRINT 9. CAMP 3 MILES NE OF DEPA (APPROXIMATELY 2835N 09715E)

A possible military camp, immediately north of the Rima (Li-Ma) --Drowa Gomba road, contains 4 possible barracks and 4 support buildings. Two sections of trenching are observed SW of the camp area. Haze and poor photographic quality preclude further interpretation.

PRINT 10. TREBA CAMP (2835N 09706E)

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This site has been reported in Mission [] as Dabla Area, Military Activity (NPIC 0436-26) situated 9 nm WSW of Dabla. The possible construction camp contains approximately 50 tents, one probable storage building, and a possible basketball court.

PRINT 11. LABOUR CAMP 4 MILES NORTH OF RIMA (2832N 09704E)

Probable road construction camp, approximately 9 nm NNW of Rima (Li-Ma), contains 9 tents and approximately 50 tents/huts or open storage. A wooden foot bridge spans the Zayul Chu (River) and connects the road camp with the construction area on the west bank.

PRINT 12. LABOUR CAMP 2 MILES NW OF RIMA (2828N 09701E)

This site has been reported in Mission [] as Li-Ma Area, Military Areas, Area B (NPIC 0436-10) situated 4 nm north of Rima (Li-Ma) at the confluence of the Rongto Chu and Zayul Chu (Rivers). The tent camp contains approximately 75 tents and huts. The [] annotations show 100 tents/huts but the quality of the photography precludes determination of an exact number. The function of the camp cannot be determined from the photography.

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PRINT 13. SAMA (2819N 09656E)

This site has been reported in Mission [] as Li-Ma Area, Military Areas, Area D (NPIC 0436-10) situated 6 nm SSW of Li-Ma. The secured military camp contains 3 possible barracks and one storage/support building. Numerous trenches are observed south of the camp. Haze and poor photographic quality preclude further interpretation.

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PRINT 14. RIMA (2825N 09702E)

This site has been reported in Mission [] as Li-Ma Area, Military Areas, Area A (NPIC 0436-10) situated 2.1 nm NNE of Rima (Li-Ma). The camp contains 32 barracks, 4 administration buildings, and 10 storage/support buildings. The [] annotations show all buildings in the camp as barracks.

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PRINT A. CAMP 3 MILES WEST OF KARTA (2802N 09225E)

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Poor quality and small scale of the photography preclude interpretation of this target. The photography, as received from the [REDACTED] is an oblique view facing south; however, it has been annotated so the viewer faces north.

PRINT B. CAMP 2 MILES EAST OF CHAYUL DZONG (2818N 09248E)

The target comprises a wall secured area which contains 4 buildings joined to form a "U", one probable storage shed, 3 small huts, and 2 watch towers. This installation does not appear to be military. Poor photographic quality precludes a positive identification of the [REDACTED] items annotated trench and bunker which are found outside the walled area.

PRINT C. TRON (2820N 09300E)

The area annotated by the [REDACTED] as a camp appears to be non-military. It contains 2 buildings and a watch tower on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Chayul Chu (River). Other similar buildings observed in the area are not annotated.

PRINT D. CAMP ONE MILE EAST OF LUNG (2823N 09309E)

The camp contains 5 barracks-type buildings, 2 probable storage buildings, 6 small huts, and 2 observation towers.

MOSAIC. CHINESE CAMPS WEST OF NYANGLU

Area I. Six or possibly seven buildings are observed in a wooded area. [REDACTED] annotations show the area containing 10 barracks.

Area II. Approximately 15 buildings and numerous tents/huts are observed in the area. [REDACTED] annotations show the area containing 23 barracks, 40 tents, and 20 huts. Obliquity and scale preclude detailed interpretation.

Areas III through XII. Scale, obliquity, and poor photographic quality preclude interpretation. [REDACTED] annotations for these areas cannot be confirmed nor denied.

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CONCLUSIONS

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Suitability for photographic interpretation of the [] photography, as provided, is poor. The photography apparently has been enlarged beyond its resolution limits and/or is degraded through several generations of reproduction and possibly poor copy work. Considerable degradation is noted around the edges.

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[] NPIC interpretation of individual targets is at variance with [] interpretations in several instances. Many of the areas annotated by the [] as military do not have the recognition features which would classify them as such. Other areas, which are military, have all buildings annotated as barracks. No attempt was made by the [] to separate barracks from administration, storage, and support buildings.

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